

**Robert Knowles**  
AUTOMOTIVE

806-669-3233 - 101 N. Hobart - 800-299-6699

\*\*\*\*\* ALL FOR ADC 780  
#01 BV04227 12/31/98  
SOUTHWEST MICROUBLISHING  
2627 E YANDELL ST  
EL PASO TX 79903

**Boyd Financial Services**

Eddie & Ernie Boyd  
Hughes Building Suite 190A  
665-6165 or 1-800-678-3662

**ROBERT KNOWLES**  
**WEST TEXAS**

FORD • LINCOLN • MERCURY  
701 W. BROWN 665-8404

# Pampa

Vol. 90 No. 213 • Pampa, Texas  
50¢ Daily • Sunday \*1

## PEDC seeks to extend sales tax

If all goes according to plan, Pampa voters will go to the polls Jan. 17, to vote whether to continue the the one-half-cent sales tax that finances the activities of the Pampa Economic Development Commission.

The sales tax is set to expire in four and one-half years and PEDC officials say the expiration date is causing problems in its recruitment of business because longer commitments than that are necessary.

The PEDC voted unanimously this morning to send the matter to the Pampa City Commission which was scheduled to vote on it at a special meeting at noon today and again on second reading at a meeting tomorrow at noon.

**The sales tax is set to expire in four and one-half years and PEDC officials say the expiration date is causing problems in its recruitment of business.**

Last week, when the commission briefly discussed the setting of the election date, there was no opposition voiced.

When Pampa held its PEDC sales tax vote, a 10-year funding period, which expires in 2001, was written into the law. Pampa is the only city in Texas to have an expiration date on its economic development sales tax.

The reason Pampa has the expiration date, said PEDC board member Wayne

Stribling, is because "the thinking at the time was this (limit) would help get it passed."

"Before there was a PEDC there were no dollars to recruit with," Stribling said. "With the tax, we've been able to recruit and right now there are a lot more (companies) that are looking at us."

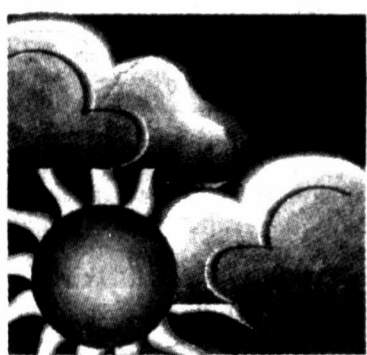
Since the PEDC was formed, PEDC board chairman Lewis Meers, said it has been responsible for "...the creation of 309

new jobs and the retention of 103 jobs."

The commission for some time has been contemplating when to ask for the sales tax election, said PEDC Executive Director Lew Mollenkamp, who explained why the time is now.

"As we have looked at deals and opportunities, not having a longer lifespan has become a problem," Mollenkamp said at today's meeting. "If we want to be able to compete for opportunities of significant size, we need" to have the expiration date removed.

"There are only certain dates that we can hold elections...and we do see some projects on our plate that have potential...that dictate we need to have this authority."



Low tonight mid 30s.  
High tomorrow 45.  
For weather details see Page 2.

No tickets matched all six numbers drawn for an \$18 million Lotto Texas jackpot Saturday night, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 11-14-20-21-36-48.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$25 million.

**DALLAS (AP)** — Three men were being sought today in the shooting death of an 18-year-old woman who was apparently trying to flee from carjackers, police say.

LaKita Ronta Redmond and a female friend, who was not identified, had stopped early Sunday to repair the alarm on Ms. Redmond's car when three men drove up in another car.

The men told Ms. Redmond to get out of her car, her companion told police. She did not comply and was attempting to drive away when one of the men opened fire, striking her in the head.

The companion took over driving the car as they drove away, but the car slammed into a chain-link fence. Ms. Redmond was dead when paramedics arrived.

Dallas police Homicide Sgt. Gary Kirkpatrick said the attackers were in their teens or early 20s.

**JUNCTION, Texas (AP)** — The body of a Louisiana man was found in a field behind a restaurant parking lot, officers say.

District Attorney Ronald Sutton said the man is believed to be a truck driver. He is about 38 years old and is a Louisiana resident, Sutton said. He could not provide additional information.

Officials believe the man was slain in the parking lot of the restaurant with a shotgun between 9 p.m. Friday and the time he was found Sunday morning.

"The body was found in a field over a fence behind a truck parked in the parking lot and was covered up by some brush," Sutton said.

About 30 investigators, including Texas Department of Public Safety crime lab officers, Kimble County deputies and Junction police were investigating the slaying.

- **Margaret Barton, 78**, El Paso resident since 1978.
- **Helen Carlisle, 77**, retired employee of Colbert's.
- **June F. Rowe, 90**, former cook at Worley Hospital and Pampa High School.
- **Rue Aaron Storm, 72**, former teacher, homemaker.

Classified ..... 8  
Comics ..... 6  
Editorial ..... 4  
Sports ..... 7

## Bids top agenda at county meeting

### Phone system, vehicles

Bids on a future phone system will be opened this morning at a special session of the the Gray County Commissioners Court meeting on the second floor of the county courthouse.

In addition, the county auditor is scheduled to discuss the departmental audit findings with the commissioners and requests from Sheriff Don Copeland to advertise for bids on three cars, to make a line item budget change and to purchase jail training room chairs and tables will also be discussed.

In other matters, an amendment to the county judge's 1997-98 budget regarding a state judicial supplement will be up for commissioner approval as well as request from Judge Richard Peet to bid for Workers' Compensation coverage. Bids will be received Dec. 31.

Commissioners Jim Greene and Joe Wheeley are, in addition, scheduled to petition the court regarding requests concerning their precincts, including a request for bids to replace surplus property and a request for information concerning an underground storage tank.

Concerning other local entities, county commissioners will be given the opportunity to approve a request to advertise for bids for White Deer Land Museum exhibit insurance and to consider a requested transfer Perry Lefors Hangar 47 from Gerald D. Laughlin to Joseph J. Mechelay.

Before adjournment, the court will recognize County Auditor Elaine Morris and Assistant Auditor Carla Carter for completion of continuing education.

A discussion of water and sewer systems to businesses along Price Road will also be discussed.

## Two killed while on way to visit grave of relative

**CLAUDE (AP)** — Tragedy struck a family for the second time in three days when two family members were killed and a third was critically injured as they drove to the grave of a loved one buried only hours earlier.

Peggy Kennedy, 68, died on Wednesday after a yearlong battle with cancer.

Only a few hours after her funeral on Saturday, her husband, 69-year-old John Kennedy, and his sisters, Earline Ivy, 64, of Seminole, and Maxine Hodges, 66, of Mullin, were driving to the Claude cemetery when their car was struck by a train.

John was pronounced dead about two hours later at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Maxine Hodges died in surgery late Saturday night and Earline Ivy was in critical condition Sunday at the Amarillo hospital.

"Everybody was just sitting around talking. (John) got up, put his cap on and said, 'I'm going out to the cemetery,'" recalled Bill

See **TWO KILLED**, Page 2

## Texas inmates lose appeal case

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Supreme Court today rejected an appeal by Texas inmates who say their chances for parole shouldn't suffer if they have sued prison officials or if the victim of their crime opposes parole.

The court, without comment, turned away the inmates' argument that they should not be penalized for exercising their right to sue. The inmates also said crime victims' letters to parole boards often include false information.

The class-action lawsuit, originally filed in 1985, sought an order barring parole officials from considering whether inmates filed lawsuits while in prison. Many prisoners are denied parole at least partly because they have filed legal claims over prison conditions, the inmates said.

The inmates also sought to bar parole officials from considering letters written by crime victims or their relatives' opposition to parole. Texas law requires parole boards to consider such "victim impact statements," which are not disclosed to the inmate.

A federal magistrate judge in Austin barred parole officials from considering crime victims' statements or inmates' activities in filing lawsuits.



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)  
Amanda Barrett sits at work answering the phone with her headset as a receptionist at Shepard Crook's Nursing Agency.

"And your mama was crying, but we told her about the Shriner's hospital and told her everything was going to be okay."

"We thought we were lying ... but still we needed to tell her something."

— Gene Gates

## Shiners, teenager have lots to celebrate

By **MIRANDA G. BAILEY**  
Staff Writer

It's Amanda Michelle Bennett's 18th birthday and she has a lot to celebrate this year.

Bennett will graduate from Pampa High School this May and plans to go to college for a teaching certificate in special education. She currently works as a receptionist at Shepard Crook's Nursing Agency.

But it has been a long road to where she is today.

"I don't know how you've stood it all," local Shriner Gene Gates said to Amanda recently.

"But she was the prettiest baby you ever saw," explained Gates as he recalled when she was born in November 18 years ago.

"The only thing was her arms and legs were little things, curled up the way they were," he remembers.

Bennett was born with birth defects that have resulted in 13 surgeries over the course of her lifetime.

"And your mama was crying, but we told her about the Shriner's hospital and told her everything was going to be okay," he said. "We thought we were lying ... but still we needed to tell her something."

Gene Gates, however, did not lie that November day.

After a lifetime of surgery, flying back and forth to the Scottish Rights Hospital in



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)  
Amanda Bennett and Shriner Gene Gates stand together after an 18-year relationship with one another.

Dallas, Amanda has endured the long journey involved with the straightening and stretching of the muscles in her arms and legs. At one point, she had braces up to her hips and she was "completely immobile," she said.

But Amanda is walking tall today.

And there will be no more surgeries for this brave young woman.

But all of this could not have happened if it wasn't for the Shriner's, Amanda's grandmother Peggy Winegeart explained.

paid for all of Amanda's trips to Dallas her entire life. Hospital expenses were nonexistent, thanks to the Shriners' generosity. And all of the braces, wheelchairs, and related expenses were always taken care of because of the Shriner organization.

"A lot of people just don't know what all we do," Gates said.

"But anybody who needs our help, just needs to call me and we'll do the best we can," he continued.

The Shriner's "best" is more than you would imagine.

See **SHRINERS**, Page 2

Coronado Center **Hogler Doll** 665-0292

**ALL AROUND BAIL BONDS**  
116 West Foster • Pampa, Texas • Jack Ward • 669-9911



**Meredith House**



(Special photo)

Meredith House tenant Tommie Thompson, at top, is caught getting ready in Barbara Tice's Meredith House Beauty Salon prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. Tice has been in charge of "beauty" at Meredith House for over a year. Meanwhile, Willa Dean Gates, third from left, of Meredith House, was visited by local Future Homemakers of America members. The students made Pumpkin Bread and distributed the fresh loaves to the tenants of Meredith House. From left are sponsor Gaylene Skaggs and students Celeste Arrella, Lindsey Hampton, Rachel Ledford and sponsor Katie McDonald.

**Business fraternity**



(Special photo)

Lara Adams of Pampa, third from right, was among the 1997-98 officers of Alpha Kappa Psi, professional business fraternity, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. Adams served as secretary of the fraternity.

**Janet Reno mulls counsel decision; Republicans predict she will say no**

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Attorney General Janet Reno worked on her final decision, Republicans said it was certain she would reject their demand that she seek an independent counsel to investigate campaign fund-raising activities by President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

Reno met with top aides and leaders of her campaign finance task force for 2 1/2 hours Sunday. Asked as she left the Justice Department building whether she had made any decision, she replied, "No comment."

She added, "I'd look at Tuesday," the deadline for her to decide whether to inform a special court that activities by Clinton and Gore may warrant the appointment of an outside prosecutor to investigate possible illegalities.

Aides indicated that, as is her practice at pre-decision meetings, Reno asked questions but didn't volunteer her thinking.

But Republicans used appearances on Sunday talk shows to predict that Reno would opt against an independent counsel.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary

Committee, contended on "Fox News Sunday" that she would do so because political appointees in the Justice Department were "politically advising her not to do this rather than advising her to live within the law and do what's right."

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said he also was resigned to a negative decision by Reno. "I think she just has a blind spot," he said on ABC's "This Week."

Gore has acknowledged making telephone calls from the White House to solicit contributions for the 1996 election campaign. Clinton has said he may have made calls but doesn't recall having done so.

The Justice Department task force has concluded that the 114-year-old statute that bars solicitation of campaign contributions in federal offices was aimed at protecting federal workers and was never intended to ban phone calls to private citizens from officials seeking contributions.

Hatch said he agreed with Reno that phone calls alone were not enough to trigger the Independent Counsel Act. "That's a false and bogus issue," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

But he said that by focusing on that single issue, Reno was ignoring larger reasons for appointing an independent counsel. He said those include "the misuse of soft money, the misuse of hard money, the collection of hard money in an improper way, the influence of foreigners in our process."

Soft money refers to funds earmarked for general purposes by a political party, while hard money is intended for specific candidates.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., argued the Independent Counsel Act is triggered only when there is specific evidence that a crime has been committed, and that exhaustive investigations by congressional com-

mittees have failed to turn up such evidence.

"That have come up with evidence of where we have abuses that require, I think, changes in the law, which paradoxically, of course, most of the Republicans are against," Frank said on NBC.

**Jury selection set for mayor's trial**

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The second capital murder trial of former Ingleside Mayor Mark Crawford was set to start this week with jury selection today in San Antonio.

Crawford is accused of kidnapping business partner Nick Brueggen, 49, of Houston, forcing him into a large metal box and gassing him to death with motor-vehicle exhaust in a warehouse Crawford leased near Aransas Pass.

The first trial, which lasted about three weeks this summer in Rockport, ended in a hung jury. After about three days of deliberation, the jury was deadlocked 10-2 for conviction.

Bill May, Crawford's attorney, received a change a venue after arguing that the publicity would have made it difficult to find qualified jurors in Aransas County.

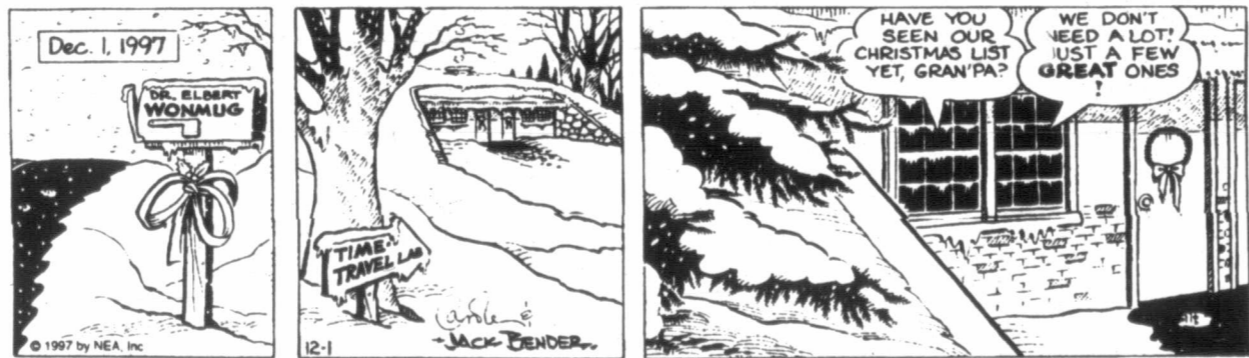
May says new defense evidence and testimony not heard in the first trial will be presented. May wasn't specific about the new evidence, saying only that he subpoenaed more than 50 wit-

nesses and that it would not change his strategy.

A gag order from District Judge Ronald Yeager, who presided over the first trial and is expected to do so again, forbids attorneys or witnesses from discussing the case.

**A TIME-TRAVELING CHRISTMAS by Jack & Carole Bender**

A TIME-TRAVELING CHRISTMAS by Jack & Carole Bender



**CINEMA 4**

**Rocket Man** (PG)  
**Anastasia** (G)  
**Allen Resurrection** (R)  
**I Know What You Did Last Summer** (R)  
 Showtimes - 665-7141 - 24 Hrs.

**A Years Subscription To The Pampa News Always Makes An Excellent Gift!**



**Do You Have A Story Idea Let Miranda Know! Call 669-2525**

**THE Pampa NEWS**

403 W. ATCHISON • PAMPA, TEXAS  
 TELEPHONES: (806) 669-2525  
 1-800-687-3348 • FAX: 669-2520  
 EMAIL: kbd@pan-tex.net • pamnew1@pan-tex.net

This newspaper (UPS 781-540) is published daily except Saturdays and holidays by The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison, Pampa, Tx. 79065. Periodicals postage paid at Pampa, Texas. Postmaster: Send address changes to the Pampa News, P.O. Drawer 2198, Pampa, Texas 79066-2198.

Publisher: L.W. McCall  
 Ass. Publisher-Editor: Kate B. Dickson  
 Advertising Director: Rick Clark  
 Office Manager: Helena McKnight  
 Circulation Manager: Dean Lynch

**COPYRIGHT NOTICE**  
 The entire contents of The Pampa News, including its logotype, are fully protected by copyright and registry and cannot be reproduced in any form for any purpose without written permission from The Pampa News.

**HOME DELIVERY**  
 All carriers are independent contractors and The Pampa News is not responsible for advance payments of two or more months made to the carrier. Please pay directly to the News Office any payment that exceeds the current collection period.

**SINGLE COPIES**  
 Daily 50¢/Sunday \$1.00  
 Member: Associated Press

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES CARRIER HOME DELIVERY**

1 yr.....\$84.00	6 mos.....\$42.00
3 mos.....\$21.00	1 mo.....\$7.00

**MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS**  
 Mail In Roberts, Gray, Carson, Wheeler And Hemphill Counties In Texas

1 yr.....\$102.00	6 mos.....\$51.00
3 mos.....\$25.50	

Mail All Other Areas In U.S.

1 yr.....\$114.00	6 mos.....\$57.00
3 mos.....\$28.50	

**Single Copy Mail**  
 Daily.....\$1.50 Sunday.....\$2.50  
 No mail subscriptions are available within the city limits of Pampa. Mail subscriptions must be paid 3 months in advance.

**Extra, Extra Photo Savings!**

**FREE 2nd Set!**

3" **ALCO Advantage** Prints  
 OR  
 4" **Kodak** Prints

**Every Tuesday & Saturday!**

**ALCO Advantage**  
 Coronado Center  
 Daily 9-9  
 Sunday 12-6

Offer available on 3" Alco Advantage Processing or 4" Kodak Premium Processing prints. 3" prints from 110, 126, disc and 35mm film. 4" prints from 35mm film only. C-41 Process only. Not available on Advanced Photo System, Panoramic or 1/2 frame 135 film. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

**SUN LOAN CO.**  
 1534 N. Hobart • 665-6442 • "Se Habla Español"

Come by and register to win **The WORLD'S LARGEST STOCKING**  
 Registration Begins: Dec. 1  
 Drawing Date: Dec. 22

AT  
**SUN LOAN CO.**  
 1534 N. Hobart • 665-6442 • "Se Habla Español"

\* Open to the public.  
 \* Do not need to be present to win.

## VIEWPOINTS

### THE PAMPA NEWS

EVER STRIVING FOR THE TOP O' TEXAS  
TO BE AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE

#### Let Peace Begin With Me

This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessings. Only when man understands freedom and is free to control himself and all he possesses can he develop to his utmost capabilities.

We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the loving commandment.

L.W. McCall  
Publisher

Kate B. Dickson  
Associate Publisher/Editor

### Opinion

## The government belts us again ...

A decision by the National Highway Safety Administration to allow some people to buy an on/off switch for automobile air bags confirms a long-held suspicion.

The federal government does not think of citizens as adults with the capacity to make their own decisions regarding their own lives and safety. It thinks of us more as children who need to be protected from our own foolishness or potential foolishness.

The air bag flap came about because, as more and more new cars were equipped with air bags, the news started to get out that some people were being seriously injured by air bags. It turned out that children in front seats, infants in rear-facing child seats situated on the front seat, short adults and a few others were especially at risk.

Last December, amid publicity about unexpected air bag deaths, President Clinton promised to allow consumers to switch off air bags. It took 11 months to implement that promise and the result is not as simple as permitting consumer choice.

Instead, you'll have to apply to the NHTSA for permission to install an on/off switch. Permission will be granted to people in one of four predetermined categories: those who can't sit more than 10 inches from the steering wheel; those who must transport an infant in the front seat; those with unusual medical or physical conditions; and people whose car-pooling makes it necessary to carry children in the front seat.

If you qualify, you will be allowed to purchase a switch. Cost estimates vary from \$50 to \$200 or more.

Don't you feel much freer?

To be sure, the odds of surviving a crash favor those with air bags. Government experts claim that more than 2,600 lives have been saved by air bags in the last 10 years, while 87 people, including 49 children, have been killed by them. One might question, in a nation of 177 million licensed drivers, whether either figure justifies a mandate one way or another, but there's little question that air bags, combined with seat belts, can significantly increase one's chances of surviving certain automobile accidents. Doctors and insurance companies are quick to attest to that.

The question is, what should citizens be expected to do with that kind of information?

Do we treat Americans as free citizens and allow them to make their own choices? Or do we mandate the maximum in safety and then grudgingly allow a few exceptions, to be determined by the government rather than by the citizen, who is supposedly the government's master?

The latter course is an inversion of the traditional American way. We have been seduced into accepting it over the years because the discussion has been about safety, not about freedom.

—Odessa American

### Thought for today

"Wounded vanity knows when it is mortally hurt; and limps off the field, piteous, all disguises thrown away. But pride carries its banner to the last."

Helen Hunt Jackson,  
Ramona

### Berry's World

UNCLE SAM  
WANTS YOU



EXTREMISTS

© 1997 by NEA, Inc.

Jim Berry

### The LATEST FROM IRAQ...



## Take care when buying hardware

In the past year, the Office of the Attorney General has investigated a number of companies that sell computer equipment or provide computer services. We believe that the market for computers is safer for consumers as a result of enforcement actions that have recently taken place. Exercise caution, however, and let us know if you encounter problems in this area.

The Internet is growing by leaps and bounds. Internet access fans are constantly modifying their services and rates to meet public demand. These changes can be confusing and misleading for consumers.

Our Consumer Protection Division has investigated a number of complaints involving online services. In some cases, consumers complained that, after paying for Internet access, they were often unable to log onto overloaded lines. In other cases, consumers signed up for one level of service and later found they had been switched to a different level of service — for a different price.

When a company sends you a notice saying that you must notify them to halt a charge to your account or a change in your service, this is called a "negative option." This is what happened to some consumers last year. They received notices that they would be switched to a more expensive Internet service arrangement unless they notified the provider that they did not wish to be switched. Negative options are illegal.

The companies we investigated have been



Dan Morales

The Attorney General for the State of Texas

cooperative. They have agreed to offer refunds to consumers who were unable to use the access they paid for. The companies have also agreed not to switch a consumer's level of service without the consumer's expressed consent. The Internet supports a rapidly growing sector of the economy, however, and consumers should remain alert to unfair and deceptive business practices.

Last year, our office and 20 other states investigated consumer complaints involving used computer equipment that was being resold as new. Our investigations led us to believe that when computers were returned with less than 10 hours of use on their internal clocks, they were being repackaged and resold as new products.

The companies we investigated have been cooperative and, although they have admitted no wrongdoing, they have signed agreements against the practice. They have agreed to clearly and conspicuously mark computers that

have been previously used, and to resell returned computers as new only if they come back to the company in factory-sealed, unopened containers, showing no signs of use.

Some types of computer equipment can be very expensive. The stores that sell them offer a variety of payment plans to help finance these purchases. One of the most common plans, so-called "zero-interest" offers, have misled many consumers about how much interest would be charged. As a result, these consumers found themselves faced with large, unexpected interest charges.

Over the past two years, the Office of the Attorney General conducted a wide-ranging investigation of "no interest, no payment for one year" financing offers. As a result, many companies that specialize in computer equipment agreed to reform their advertising to clearly state how much consumers must pay and when.

To avoid getting stuck with hidden finance charges, read these agreements carefully. Ask when full payment is due, whether or not you must make payments during the "no interest" period, and what penalties are imposed if you do not make full payment during this period.

For more information on consumer protection issues, visit our web site at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us>, where you will find consumer protection brochures, a *Consumer Watch* magazine, and the 1997 Consumer Protection Division Annual Report.

### Today in history

#### By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Dec. 1, the 335th day of 1997. There are 30 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, defied the law by refusing to give up her seat to a white man aboard a Montgomery, Ala., city bus. Mrs. Parks was arrested, sparking a year-long boycott of the buses by blacks.

#### On this date:

In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed among John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.)

In 1913, the first drive-in automobile service station opened, in Pittsburgh.

In 1942, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States.

In 1958, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Flower Drum Song" opened on Broadway.

In 1959, representatives of 12 countries, including the United States, signed a treaty in Washington setting aside Antarctica as a scientific preserve, free from military activity.

In 1965, an airlift of refugees from Cuba to the United States began in which thousands of Cubans were allowed to leave their homeland.

In 1969, the U.S. government held its first draft lottery since World War II.

In 1973, David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, died in Tel Aviv at age 87.

## Can whites be discriminated against?

In 1994, Jennifer Gratz, white, applied to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor — the most prestigious college in the state. She was graduated from high school with a cumulative grade point average of 3.765 out of a possible 4.0. She was 13th in her high school class of 298. Her extracurricular activities included tutoring students in math.

Gratz's American College Testing (ACT) score was 25 out of 36. That test, used in the Midwest, is the equivalent of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

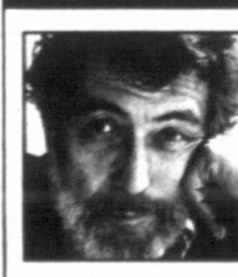
Despite this impressive record, Jennifer Gratz was wait-listed at Ann Arbor and eventually was told she would not be admitted, although black students with lesser grades and scores were admitted in the year in which she was rejected. Gratz is currently a junior, and a math major, at the University of Michigan in Dearborn, where she has made the dean's list several times.

She is suing the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor because she wants its racial preferences policy declared unconstitutional — as violating the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Gratz says: "I felt like I was discriminated against by race, and that's wrong."

For years, Professor Carl Cohen — a University of Michigan philosophy professor — has been trying to publicize his research proving that "preference by race is given systematically" at this state university to applicants for admission. That is, standardized scores and grades are applied differently to whites and non-whites.

The university says it is committed to admitting a diverse student body, and race is only one factor in admissions — not the only factor.



Nat Hentoff

Nat Hentoff is an authority on the Bill of Rights.

What the University of Michigan may find difficult to justify in court is this report on its admissions guidelines by Ethan Bronner in the *New York Times*: "A white student with a grade point average of 3.8 out of a possible 4.0 and combined SAT scores of 1,000 out of a possible 1,600 — or an ACT score of 21 out of 26 — would be rejected under the guidelines, whereas a black or Hispanic applicant with those same results would be admitted."

This is a dual admissions policy forbidden by the Supreme Court in the Bakke case (1978) and struck down by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in the recent Hopwood case at the University of Texas Law School — a decision that the Supreme Court refused to review in 1996. That Texas case was won by the Washington-based Center for Individual Rights, which is also representing — pro bono — Jennifer Gratz and another rejected white student, Patrick Hamacher, in a class action suit.

Terry Pell, the lawyer for Gratz and Hamacher, expects he will win this case too, and I think he is right. The Center is also litigating a similar anti-discrimination suit at the University of Washington Law School in the state of Washington, and that should result in a further undermining of race-based affirma-

tive action in college admissions.

The University of Michigan case is the Center for Individual Rights' first lawsuit involving undergraduate admissions policies. It is not likely to be the last.

Moreover, in this case, the Center is trying to greatly concentrate the attention of the heads of the nation's higher institutions of learning.

The Michigan lawsuit asks for unspecified monetary damages from, among others, University of Michigan President Lee Bollinger in his INDIVIDUAL capacity.

The theory is that he "knew or had reason to know that the Michigan affirmative action policies violated the constitutional lights of Gratz, Hamacher and the other applicants in the class who had been denied admission SOLELY because of the color of their skin."

Long ago, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas emphasized: "A finding that a state school employed a racial classification in selecting its students subjects it to the strictest scrutiny under the Equal Protection Clause. ... The clear and central purpose of the Fourteenth Amendment was to eliminate all official state sources of invidious racial discrimination in the States." (That is also what California's vilified Proposition 209 says.)

Michael McDonald, president of the Center for Individual Rights, notes: "Though particularly egregious, the Michigan racial preferences are no different in principle from the affirmative action policies at many competitive colleges and universities in the country."

As the lawsuits multiply, it will be interesting to see the reactions of college presidents held personally liable under federal civil rights laws. They are undeniably acting with admirable motivation, but they have misread the Constitution.

# Gov. George W. Bush hits campaign trail

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush will formally begin his re-election campaign Wednesday with stops to Midland, El Paso, Dallas and Austin.

He plans to tout accomplishments on the topics that served as centerpiece of his 1994 campaign: reforms in education, civil justice, juvenile justice and welfare.

"It's not so much earning the trust of Texans by doing what I said I'd do in office... but more importantly is I know where I want to go," Bush told the American Statesman. "That's exactly what I'm going to talk about in the course of the campaign."

Bush hasn't yet announced any of the particulars about his campaign platform. He's likely to skirt the big question of his re-election campaign: whether he'll run for president in 2000.

Bush is vying to become the state's first governor to win re-election since the Texas began having four-year terms in 1975.

The early polls give him a good shot, even if history doesn't. While he's very popular now, several other recent governors who were well-received ended up being voted out of office.

Bush doesn't even have to look far to find an example. In 1994, he made Ann Richards eligible

for the Texas Capitol's portrait gallery before she was ready.

Bush believes he knows where she went wrong — she was too intent on becoming a star in Hollywood and Washington and did not offer a clear vision of what she wanted to accomplish here if re-elected.

"People should give me a chance to be governor again because I have a vision of a more compassionate, decent tomorrow," he said. "I know exactly where I want to lead. I see, clearly, a way to achieve educational excellence, a better welfare system that helps people who truly need to be helped, that encourages others who don't."

Bush's toughest foe is expected to be Democrat Garry Mauro, the state's land commissioner. Neither Bush nor Mauro is expected to face serious challenge in their primaries next year.

Mauro's bid was dealt a blow last week when Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, the state's top elected Democrat, endorsed Bush.

"I'm confident that the differences between the two of us will emerge. This is a big, big government thinker," Bush said of Mauro. "He has been in Austin for 16 years."

# Drilling Intentions

**Intentions to Drill**  
**CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE)** Pantera Energy Co., #1R Kotara-Holmes, 330' from North & West line, Sec. 4,7,1&GN, PD 2900'.

**GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE)** Pantera Energy Co., #1R Pinnell, 330' from North & West line, Sec. 128,B-2,H&GN, PD 2900'.

**ROBERTS (CLARK MARTIN Granite Wash)** 3-T Exploration, Inc., #2-93 Martin Trust, 997' from South & 1975' from East line, Sec. 93,C,G&M, PD 9500'. Rule 37

**WHEELER (WILDCAT & MO-TEX Meisner)** Phillips Petroleum Co., #2 Dunn, 915' from South & 2205' from East line, Sec. 25,A-5,H&GN, PD 133000'.

**WHEELER (WILDCAT & WEST PARK Upper Morrow)** Devon Energy Corp., #1 Zybach '19', 2003' from North & 1383' from West line, Sec. 19,3,CCSL, PD 16200'.

**Oil Well Completions**  
**GRAY (PANHANDLE)** Texaco E & P, Inc., #10 M.A. Shaw, Sec. 5,1,ACH&B, elev. 2775 gr. spud 9-

22-97, drlg. compl 9-27-97, tested 11-10-97, pumped 12 bbl. of 38.6 grav. oil + no water, GOR 667, TD 2875' —

**ROBERTS (McMORDIE RANCH 9400')** Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #1012 McMordie, Sec. 12,A-2,EL&RR, elev. 2619 kb, spud 9-15-97, drlg. compl 10-8-97, tested 11-18-97, flowed 213 bbl. of 38 grav. oil + no water thru 1/2" choke on 24 hour test, csg. pressure 100#, tbg. pressure 95#, GOR 925, TD 2620', PBTD 9567' —

**Gas Well Completions**  
**HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash)** Helmerich & Payne, Inc., #4069 Hobart Ranch, Sec. 69,A-2,H&GN, elev. 2598 rkb, spud 7-18-97, drlg. compl 10-5-97, tested 10-22-97, potential 35000 MCF, TD 11350', PBTD 10954' —

**ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash)** Pioneer Natural Resources, #1126 Marion Osborne, Sec. 26,B-1,H&GN, elev. 2715 gr. spud 5-10-97, drlg. compl 7-21-97, tested 9-19-97, potential 19000 MCF, TD 10450', PBTD 10400'. Form 1 filed in Parker & Parsley.

## Texas Department of Public Safety recruiting

The Texas Department of Public Safety is seeking applicants for a recruit school scheduled to begin July 18, 1998. People who successfully complete the rigorous six-month recruit training academy in Austin will join one of the country's premier law enforcement agencies.

"We're encouraging all persons interested in a career with the DPS to go by their nearest DPS office and get a complete application package and a list of all the qualifications," said Lt. Curley Colquitt, who heads the DPS's recruitment effort.

"The DPS is very interested in attracting qualified female and minority applicants, since historically those groups have been underrepresented in law enforce-

ment," he said. "DPS offers a challenging and rewarding law enforcement career."

Graduates initially are assigned to one of the department's uniformed services — the Highway Patrol, License and Weight or Driver License services. After gaining experience, the trooper may apply for promotions within those or other areas of the DPS.

Applicants must be at least 20 years old on the date of probationary appointment to the position of trooper-trainee and be of good moral character and habits.

Applicants must have at least 60 hours of college (prior law enforcement or military experience may be substituted for some or all college requirements). A

final conviction (including probation) for any DWI, DUID or felony automatically will disqualify applicants. Both oral and written statements given during the application process will be verified for accuracy.

Those selected for the recruit school will be required to successfully complete psychological testing, physical examinations, drug screening and additional physical demands. Character, habits, previous employment and other factors also will come under scrutiny.

The application deadline for Texas residents is Feb. 17, 1997; the deadline for out-of-state residents is Dec. 19, 1997. For more information, contact your nearest DPS office.



❄️  
**All Christmas Sweaters 25% off**  
 ❄️  
**Ann'Zel Fashions**  
 506 N. Main • 273-7741  
 Borger

# MEDICAL DIRECTORY



A guide to Health Care Businesses and Services in the Panhandle Area. This Medical Directory is published every Monday.

TO ADVERTISE PLEASE CALL  
 806-669-2525 "or" 1-800-687-3348

**PHARMACIES**

**Keyes Pharmacy**  
 928 N. Hobart • 669-1202  
 Emergency 669-3559  
 Mon.-Fri. 8:30-6:00 • Sat. 8:30-1:00

**HOSPITAL-MEDICAL CENTERS**

**COLUMBIA Medical Center of Pampa**

**OPHTHALMOLOGIST**

*Changing The Way You See The World*

If you are nearsighted and/or have astigmatism, 21 yrs. or older and would like to lose your glasses or contacts Call: 665-0051  
 Laser Vision Correction  
 \*Regional Eye Center

**PODIATRY-FOOT**

**THE FOOT DOCTOR**  
**BRIAN E. SICHER, D.P.M.**  
 "Put Your Feet In Good Hands"  
 Heel and Arch Pain • Corns, Calluses and Warts • Ingrown Nails • Hammertoes  
 Call The FOOT Doctor (Toll Free)  
**1-888-292-FOOT**  
 Offices in Amarillo, Dalhart, Pampa, Borger, Canyon & Muleshoe

**FRIENDLY**  
*a pharmacist who cares about his customers yet maintains that special small town hospitality*

**B & B PHARMACY**  
 300 N. Ballard • 669-1071 or 665-5788  
 Dennis Roark Pharmacist

**RURAL HEALTH CLINICS**

**COLUMBIA FAMILY HEALTH CARE CENTERS**

Miami 806-868-3101  
 McLean 806-779-2030  
 Groom 806-248-9011

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

**HealthStar D.M.E. AMERICAN HOMEPATIENT**  
 1541 N. Hobart • Pampa, Texas  
 806-669-0000 • 800-753-3910  
**HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**  
 Rental • Sales • Service 24 hrs.

**MEDICAL SUPPLY SALES-RENTAL**

- 24-Hour Medical Oxygen
- I.P.O.B. Equipment
- Rehabilitation Equipment
- Portable Commodes
- Medicare Claims Processed
- Walkers
- Diabetic Aids
- Hospital Beds
- Crutches
- Insurance Claims Processed
- Patient Lifts
- Daily Living Aids
- Wheelchairs
- Convelescent Aids

24 HOUR PRESCRIPTIONS SERVICE • 669-9710 JIM PEPPER  
**DEAN'S PHARMACY**  
 2217 Perryton Parkway 669-6896

**MISCELLANEOUS**

*Need Confidence That Your Office Is Secure*  
**CALL ME TODAY!**  
**LARAMORE LOCKSMITH**  
 (Texas Locksmith Association)  
 665-5397 • 665-5371  
 Call Me Out To Let You In • No Extra Charge For After Hours

# Woman Swept Off Her Feet Lands Smack In A Nightmare

DEAR ABBY: "Larry" and I married five years ago after a whirlwind, passionate courtship. He said I was his dream come true.

As I think back on those words, I become ill. Why? Because from the day we married, my life became a living nightmare. It began on our honeymoon. I talked to another man, and Larry got so angry he slammed my face into the wall and broke my nose. I should have left then, but I believed him when he said how sorry he was — that it had been an accident and would never happen again. Besides, my parents had just paid for our wedding, and I was too ashamed to tell them what had happened.

Over the last five years, Larry has broken my wrist by throwing me down the stairs. He broke my shoulder when he pushed me out of a moving car, and he has beaten me so badly I've had to hide in the house for days to keep the people I know from seeing the bruises. I am ashamed to tell anyone. He keeps saying he is sorry and promises it won't happen again ... but it does.

We have two children. We would have had three, but Larry kicked me in the stomach when I was four months pregnant and I had a miscarriage. Maybe it was a blessing because our children have a terrible life. They're scared to death of him. I am desperate to leave, but I, too, am scared. When I tell him I want a divorce, he threatens to kill me. Is there any hope?

LIVING A NIGHTMARE



**Abigail Van Buren**  
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR LIVING: There is always hope. Reaching out for help is the first step, and by writing to me, you have taken that step.

It is reported that more than 4,000 women are murdered each year by their abusers. Battered women's advocates tell me that the most dangerous time for a battered woman is when she decides to leave. Statistics show that a woman who leaves her batterer is far more likely to be killed than those who stay. This is not intended to discourage leaving, however, but to emphasize the importance of a clearly conceived escape plan. Most women can leave safely with careful planning.

Your first step is to create a safety plan for you and your children while you are still living with Larry. If you decide to leave, this plan should also be designed so that he cannot find

you. I recently received a 50-page booklet called "Striving to Be Violence Free ... A Guidebook for Creating a Safety Plan." It is written and published by an award-winning, nonprofit agency called Perspectives Inc., in St. Louis Park, Minn.

It contains several checklists that will help you explore your options and make sound choices. Especially useful would be the chapter that addresses "creating a safety plan." This section will help you prepare for the next violent outburst; and sadly, there is always a "next time." Unfortunately, over time the violence usually becomes more frequent and severe.

Readers, if you know someone who could benefit from this guidebook, be a friend and buy it for her. (Consider having it sent to your own house to avoid a confrontation with the abuser.)

For parents, this booklet has important information for your daughters — a section called "Warning Signs of a Potential Batterer," which is designed to help a woman examine a man's behavior before she makes a commitment to him.

To order this guidebook, send \$4 to: Perspectives Inc., 3381 Gorham Ave., St. Louis Park, Minn. 55426 (Attn: Guidebook).

sure to state the zodiac signs you desire.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You will not be effective at flexing your muscles in order to get what you want today, but cooperation and compassion will work wonders.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Do not pass on gossip about someone that is based on partial facts. You will feel guilty later if your misinformation hurts someone.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** An unusual development might transpire today when a friend does something that puts you in an awkward position. Stay alert to prevent this from happening.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** In order to cushion your ego today, you might take a position that is unpopular with your peers. When defending your stance, do not let vanity interfere.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Avoid becoming foolishly adventurous today. Your usual abilities for judging the odds and assessing opposition might not be up to par.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Your intuitive

evaluations, which are usually justified, might be out to lunch today when needed the most. Take care not to be taken in by a manipulator.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** In order to have a successful day you may have to depend more upon yourself and less upon others. Companions could be a hindrance rather than a help.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Guard against impulses today to postpone doing things that should receive immediate attention. Do not let responsibilities pile up.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Counting on things that are not yet actualities could cause serious miscalculations. Do not take gambles in dubious areas.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Keep promises today, even if it's inconvenient for you to do so. People you disappoint won't forget your broken pledges so readily.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Co-workers might have to be handled with kid gloves today, so be careful of what you say and how you say it. Try not to be drawn into something petty.

©1997 by NEA, Inc.



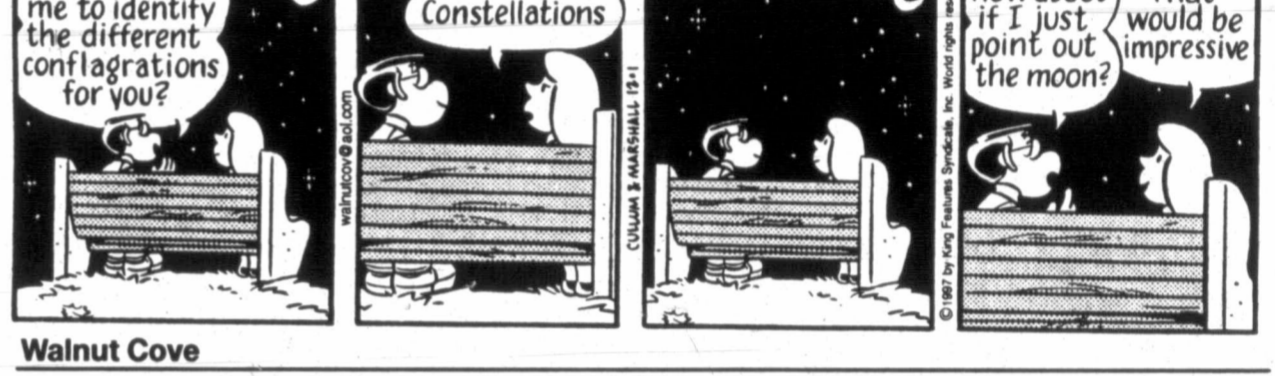
For Better or For Worse



Arlo & Janis



Garfield

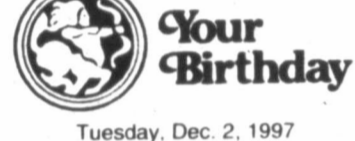


Walnut Cove



Marvin

## Horoscope



Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1997

In the year ahead you might be more fortunate in joint endeavors than you will be working on your own. You are likely to have a knack for making proper choices. Trust your judgment.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** In order to gratify extravagant urges, you might spend more than you can afford. Later you are likely to regret anything foolish you do today. Astro-Graph year-ahead predictions make great Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail \$2 for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be



The Family Circus



Marmaduke



Grizzwells



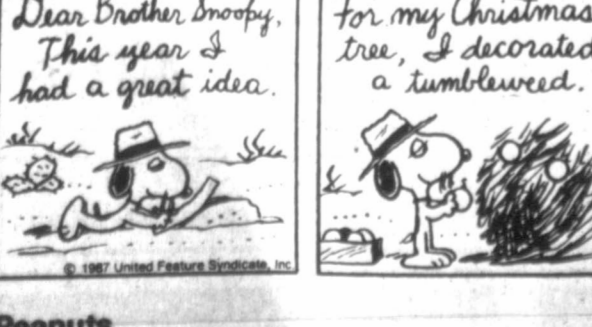
The Born Loser



Alley Oop



Frank And Ernest



Peanuts



Mallard Filmore



B.C.



Eek & Meek



The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore

# SPORTS

## Notebook

### FOOTBALL

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — John Elway threw three touchdown passes and San Diego native Terrell Davis ran for 178 yards and one touchdown as the Broncos became the first AFC team to clinch a playoff spot. They did it with a methodical 38-28 win over the Chargers on Sunday night, tying a season high for points.

Davis regained the NFL rushing lead from Detroit's Barry Sanders, with 1,647 yards, and needs to average 118 yards in his final three games to become the third NFL player to reach 2,000.

**AUSTIN, Texas (AP)** — John Mackovic's six-year run at Texas ended Saturday when he was fired and re-assigned within the athletic program.

The move came a day after a 27-16 loss at Texas A&M that left the Longhorns 4-7 — tying the school's worst record in the last 41 years.

Mackovic, who led Texas to the 1996 Big 12 title, has three years left on a guaranteed contract at roughly \$600,000 per year. He was 41-28-2 at Texas.

**FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP)** — Danny Ford was forced to resign Saturday as Arkansas coach, a day after the Razorbacks lost to LSU on to finish 4-7. Ford was 26-30-1 in five years at Arkansas.

### HOCKEY

**KANATA, Ontario (AP)** — Wayne Gretzky was selected for the Canadian Olympic team, while Mark Messier was left off the 23-man squad announced Saturday by Philadelphia general manager Bob Clarke.

Gretzky will be joined in Nagano, Japan, by forwards Eric Lindros, Steve Yzerman, Brendan Shanahan, Joe Sakic, Rod Brind'Amour, Shayne Corson, Theo Fleury, Paul Kariya, Trevor Linden, Joe Nieuwendyk, Keith Primeau and Rob Zamuner, defensemen Rob Blake, Ray Bourque, Eric Desjardins, Adam Foote, Al MacInnis, Chris Pronger and Scott Stevens, and goalies Martin Brodeur, Curtis Joseph and Patrick Roy.

### BASKETBALL

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Indianapolis was awarded the 2002 men's world championships Sunday, beating out Tokyo and Munich, Germany.

### SKIING

**MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN, Calif. (AP)** — Germany's Katja Seizinger won the first super-G of the women's World Cup season Saturday, her third super-G victory at Mammoth Mountain in as many tries since 1994.

The victory was Seizinger's 13th super-G triumph, a women's World Cup record, and 29th World Cup victory overall.

Italy's Isolde Kostner finished second, 0.64 seconds back.

### SOCCER

**MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)** — Iran claimed the 32nd and final spot in the 1998 World Cup on Saturday, tying Australia 2-2 on late goals by Karim Bagheri and Khodadad Azizi. The teams tied 1-1 last week in Tehran.

### FIGURE SKATING

**NAGANO, Japan (AP)** — Russia's Ilya Kulik won the NHK Trophy men's title Sunday. On Saturday, Germany's Tanja Szewczenko took the women's competition.

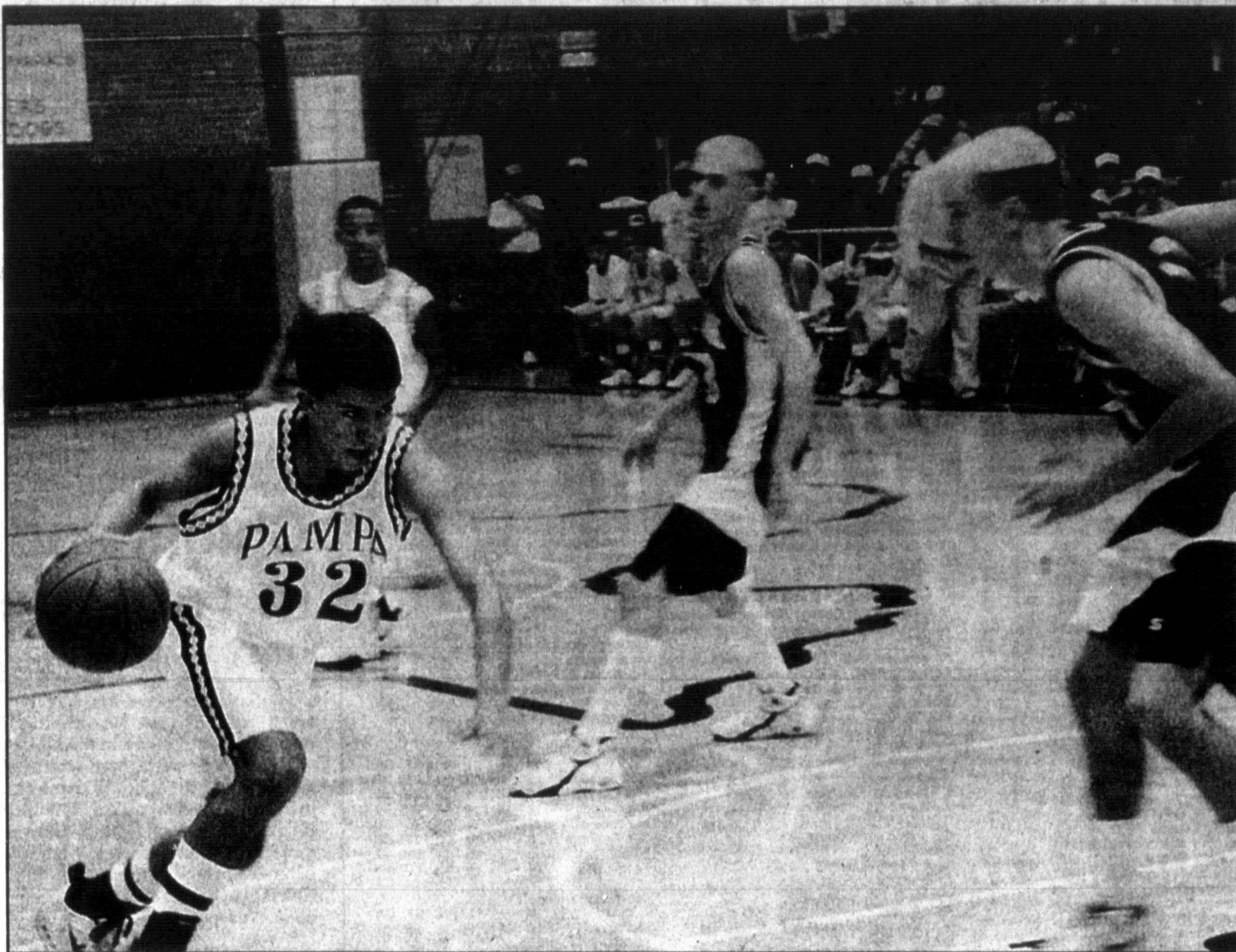
## TOT tourney wraps up successful weekend

By MATT HUTCHISON  
Sports Writer

**PAMPA** — The Top O' Texas Tournament wrapped up its festivities Saturday as teams from Plainview, Austin Westlake, Dallas Red Oak and the hosting Pampa Harvesters treated the local fans to a day filled with great basketball action. Pampa competed in two contests during the day, hosting the Austin Westlake Chaparals early and suffering a 66-51 defeat. Later in the day, Pampa became involved in a physical contest against the Plainview Bulldogs before bowing out of the tournament with a 60-37 loss.

Pampa's problems on the court surfaced early in the day against Westlake. Despite a somewhat consistent offense during the first half, an offense that kept the Harvesters within 10 points of the Chaparals at halftime (28-19), Pampa's defensive weaknesses cropped up in the second half. Pampa's inside players had trouble controlling the boards late and found it hard to compete against players that, in some instances, towered almost a foot above the inside defense. Instead, Pampa had to rely on good defensive judgments by the two leading guards, senior Lynn Brown and sophomore Jesse Francis, to remain in good shape defensively.

Despite their great height advantage over the Harvesters, the Chaparals opted to fire up more outside shots than resorting to a physical, post-oriented strategy. This style of play allowed guards, such as Brown and Francis, pressure the ball and cause easy



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

**Pampa's Jeremy Silva (left) drives against the Red Oak defense in the opening game of the Top O' Texas Tournament. Silva was named the tournament's best inside defensive player.**

turnovers that led to fast break Pampa points.

Utilizing the turnovers, Pampa's duo of Brown and Francis led all Harvester scorers with 16 points apiece. But unfortunately, second chance points and good outside shooting when they

needed it helped the Chaparals to claim the victory by 15 points.

The Plainview contest that concluded the tournament featured a whole different game that Pampa saw against Westlake. The Bulldogs took the offense right to the inside, and a physical battle inside underlined the entire contest.

Plainview, who had defeated Westlake by a point, the evening prior to the Pampa contest, looked lethargic early as Pampa won the inside wars and posted leads of four points at halftime and a two-point 23-21 lead at the halftime mark.

The game changed dramatically in the second half, however, as the Harvesters found themselves the victims of a huge Plainview comeback. The Bulldogs scored 23 points during the third period while holding the Harvesters in the single digits of six points of total offense. A big reason for the change was the beefed-up inside play of sophomore post Rod Ansley, who finished the night with 18 points, and the shooting precision of guard David Mata, who finished with a tournament-high 21 points.

Plainview fine-tuned its lead in the fourth quarter as Pampa struggled for offense that didn't seem to be there

when the Harvesters really needed it. Guard Francis and post Silva led the team in scoring with 11 and 9 points, respectively.

Also scoring for the Harvesters were Lynn Brown with 5 points, Shawn Young 4, Leo Ramirez and Russell Robben, 3 points each; Sam Ledford 2.

Plainview emerged as the tournament champion in the round-robin format, winning all three of its games.

Earlier Saturday, Plainview downed Red Oak, 74-67, as Ansley led the Bulldogs with 22 points. Teammate Andy McAdams added 15.

Cole Bulter also had 22 to lead Westlake. Andrew Braiden followed with 18.

The tournament, which was last held in Pampa 10 years ago, also featured a three-point competition that encouraged community participation and at the end of the tournament not only gave awards to the tournament winners, the Plainview Bulldogs, but also to individual players for achievements such as high academic standards.

Overall, the tournament displayed the Panhandle hospitality that Pampa is capable of, treating fans from all the schools to some great basketball action. Fans that didn't attend the two-day event missed what was without a

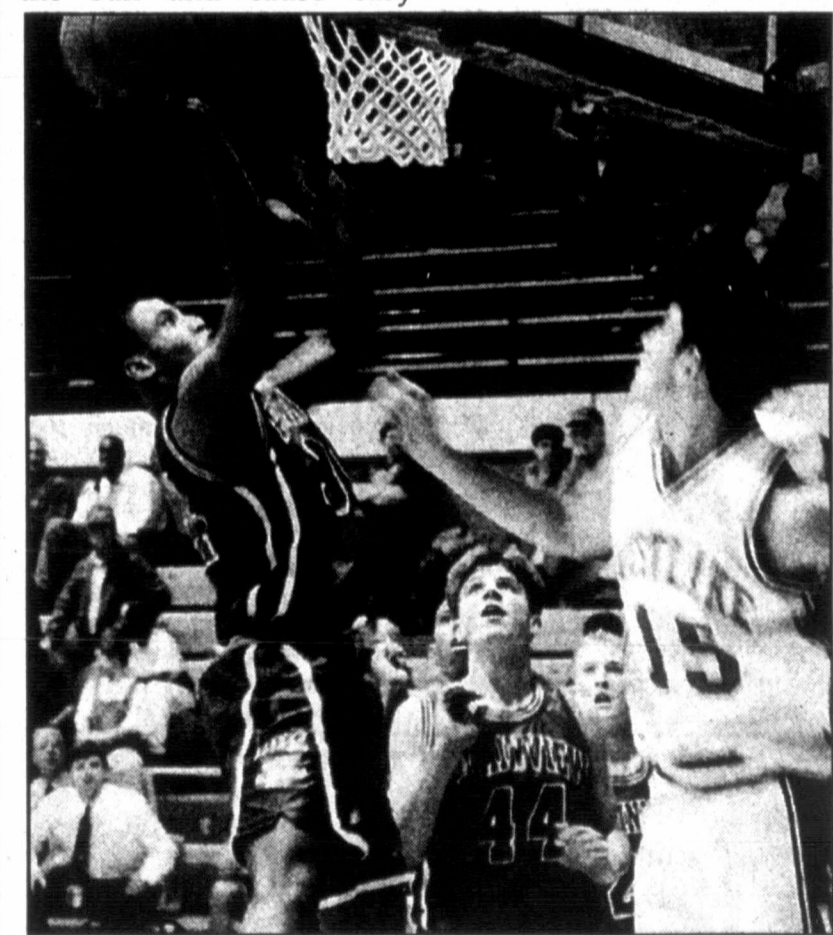
doubt a very fan-oriented showing by the four participating cager squads.

### Top O' Texas Tournament 1997 Champion — Plainview Bulldogs

**All-Academic Team**  
Zane Powers and Leo Ramirez, Pampa; Jeff Quisenberry and Brennen Bell, Plainview; Shawn Howell and Shawn Rogers, Red Oak; Chris Marcus and Kevin Dischert, Austin Westlake.

**Top O' Texas Elite Team**  
Best inside defensive player: Jeremy Silva, Pampa  
Best Outside defensive player: Matt Root, Austin Westlake  
Most inspirational: David Mata, Plainview  
Best academic players: Jeff Quisenberry, Plainview; Chris Marcus, Austin Westlake.  
Sixth-man award: Shawn Howe, Red Oak.

**Community Shootout Winners**  
Middle school: Kyle Francis  
High school: A.J. Taylor  
19-35 age group: August Larson  
36-49 age group (KGRO, Pampa News winner): Dale Francis.



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

**Plainview's Rod Ansley goes up for two points as Austin Westlake's Jon Orton is to late to stop the shot.**

## Giants, Redskins, Panthers losses keep Cowboys alive

**DALLAS (AP)** — The Dallas Cowboys, considered to be out of the running for a playoff berth following their Thanksgiving Day loss to the Tennessee Oilers, are back in the running following a series of upsets.

Their chances were aided Sunday when the New York Giants, Washington Redskins and Carolina Panthers—all lost on Sunday.

But the Cowboys will still need some help to qualify for the playoffs.

"We're still in the race," said Cowboys linebacker Randall Godfrey. "Anything can happen."

At 6-7 and riding a two-game losing streak, the Cowboys are on the verge of missing the playoffs for the first time since 1990.

The Cowboys are left in the position of having to win the

NFC East Division in order to make the playoffs because a 4-6 conference record will make it nearly impossible to make it as a wild-card team.

The chance of winning the NFC East was helped by the Giants' 20-8 loss at home to Tampa Bay on Sunday. New York is 7-5-1 and closes the season Dec. 21 at Dallas.

Also Sunday, wild-card hopeful Washington (6-6-1) lost 23-20 to St. Louis, while Carolina (6-7) lost to New Orleans 16-13.

The Cowboys must sweep their final three games against Carolina, Cincinnati and the Giants.

"The Cowboys most likely still have to win their remaining games and get some help along the way," Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said Sunday.

After Dallas' 27-14 loss to

Tennessee on Thanksgiving Day, quarterback Troy Aikman called the Cowboys' playoff chances "a real long shot right now."

The odds might have improved on Sunday, but plenty has to go right for the Cowboys if they're to play a game after Christmas.

The Giants will have to lose two games, the Redskins will have to lose one and the Philadelphia Eagles will also have to lose one game for the Cowboys to keep on playing after Christmas.

Defensive tackle Leon Lett may be able to give the Cowboys a boost as he will return from a yearlong drug suspension in time to play against the Carolina Panthers next Monday night.

"We're not going to give up," said Godfrey. "This team has too much heart to give up."

## Lady Harvesters go 2-2 at Festival of Lights

**WICHITA FALLS** —The Pampa Lady Harvesters won their first two games of the Fantasy of Lights Basketball Tournament before dropping a pair of close contests to Amarillo Caprock, 54-49 and Sweetwater 44-41 on Saturday.

Against Caprock, Jordanna Young led Pampa scorers with 15 points while Yvette Brown and Kelsey Yowell added 8 each.

"It was a hard-fought battle," said Pampa coach Mark Elms. "We were slow getting out of the blocks in the first quarter again. That's something we're going to have to work on. They beat us 10 points from the foul line. That's something else we're going to have to work on." Others scoring for Pampa

were Heather Petty with 6 points, Jami Wells 5, McKinley Quarles 4 and Faustine Curry 3.

Young was also the leading scorer against Sweetwater, netting 10 points while Curry followed with 8.

Also scoring for Pampa were Petty with 7 points, Quarles and Wells 5 each; Brown 4 and Yowell 2.

"We had our chances all through the game. A missed free throw here, a missed layup there really hurt us," Elms said.

The Lady Harvesters are entered in the Liberal Classic Friday and Saturday. Their first game is at 2 p.m. Friday against Garden City, Kan. They play again at 3:30 p.m. the same day against Liberal High.







## MEDICAL

# E.R. diagnosis of chest pain is cheaper

CHICAGO (AP) — The nation could save hundreds of millions of dollars a year if patients complaining of chest pain were tested for heart attacks in the emergency room instead of being admitted to the hospital, researchers say.

The researchers looked at the cost and effectiveness of what are known as chest pain evaluation units, which often operate as part of the ER. An estimated 15 percent of the nation's hospitals have established these units on the assumption they can do thorough testing for less money.

The findings were published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

The study indicates that the emergency room "can maintain quality care in a cost-cutting environment," said Dr. Rebecca R. Roberts, chief researcher.

As it is, more than \$3 billion is spent each year just for those patients found not to be having heart attacks.

The study, conducted at Cook County Hospital, a large public hospital in Chicago, found that the cost of testing a patient admitted to the hospital was \$2,095 vs. \$1,528 for those kept in an ER chest pain evaluation unit.

There were no deaths or complications among the patients kept in the chest pain examination unit.

The \$567 savings per patient translates to \$238 million annually across the nation, Ms. Roberts said.

**The \$567 savings per patient translates to \$238 million annually across the nation, Ms. Roberts said.**

The savings came, in part, because of fewer hours spent in the hospital: 33.1 hours vs. 44.8. Also, the hospital doesn't have to go

to the trouble of admitting and discharging a patient. And the equipment, doctors, nurses and other staff members are on hand 24 hours a day in the emergency room.

The researchers followed patients with chest pains who were given the initial, standard ER tests — electrocardiogram, chest X-ray and blood work. In many cases, these tests can rule out a heart attack,

and the patient can be sent home. For others, the results can be inconclusive.

The study looked at 165 patients whose tests were inconclusive. Of these, 83 were admitted after their initial emergency room tests.

The 82 others were kept in the chest pain examination unit and subjected to a series of highly sensitive, fast-acting blood tests and a stress test. About 45 percent of these patients were ultimately admitted for treatment. The others were released.

"It appears that the CPEU ... is an idea whose time has come," two doctors who specialize in emergency medicine — Dr. James W. Hoekstra of Ohio State College of Medicine and Dr. W. Brian Gibler of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine — wrote in an accompanying editorial.

## Senior health...

### With an assist, many elderly enjoy independence

HOUSTON — Assisted-living communities are helping to bridge the gap between independent living at home and the around-the-clock care provided at nursing homes.

People over 85 years of age are the fastest-growing segment of the population. In response, the assisted-living industry is booming all across the country.

"The communities provide a new living option for the elderly people who require some level of daily assistance, but do not need the medical attention of a nursing home," said Nancy Wilson, an assistant professor with the Huffington Center on Aging at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Assisted-living communities range in size from single or double rooms in a private home or retirement complex to full apartments. Most provide three meals a day served in a common dining room, housekeeping and linen service and assistance with bathing and dressing.

"Relocating at any age is challenging, but assisted-living communities provide a variety of living options that may make the transition easier later in life," said Wilson.

### The aging of cells

HOUSTON — A new approach to studying aging might unlock clues to help improve the quality of life's later years.

Instead of studying aging in people, scientists at Baylor College of Medicine's Huffington Center on Aging in Houston are going straight to where aging begins — in the cells.

"We're trying to understand what sort of program these cells play out during cellular aging that causes them to finally reach a point where

they can't divide anymore," said Dr. James Smith, co-director of the HCOA.

By studying cells in the lab, Smith's team is able to target specific aspects of the aging process. While this research holds great promise for the future, Smith is quick to warn that they are not likely to uncover a "fountain of youth."

"What we hope will come of this, once we understand the processes, is that we'll be able to intervene in some way in very particular kinds of disorders or losses of function that affect older people," he said.

### Menopause brings difficult decision

HOUSTON — After menopause, which typically happens around age 50 and marks the end of the childbearing years, women no longer produce significant amounts of estrogen, a hormone that had been in the body naturally since puberty.

"Without estrogen, women can experience hot flashes, emotional changes, severe mood swings and depression," said Dr. Ronald Young, director of the division of gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Postmenopausal women are also at greater risk of developing heart disease and osteoporosis."

Studies have shown that women receiving estrogen replacement lower their risk of coronary heart disease and osteoporosis, tend to live longer and have greater activity than women who do not use estrogen. But other studies have linked estrogen use with a slight increase in the risk of developing breast cancer. This has led to speculation that estrogen itself might cause breast cancer.

"Women considering hormone-replacement therapy should educate themselves about the issue, talk with their doctor and then make an informed decision about the benefits and potential risks of estrogen replacement," said Young.

## Laser treatment effective for unsightly birthmarks

HOUSTON — Treatment for unsightly port-wine stains and strawberry marks has been greatly improved with the use of lasers.

"Most patients get a 50 to 75 percent lightening of the birthmark," said Dr. Moise Levy, a dermatologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and co-director of the Texas Children's Hospital Birthmark Center.

Port-wine stains, most often found on the head and neck, are flat purple-red birthmarks that do not disappear with age. Strawberry marks, or hemangiomas, are bright red, protrude from the skin and often go away without treatment.

Both types are formed by masses of small blood vessels in abnormal locations.

"Although strawberry marks often disappear as an infant grows, many leave loose skin, mild scarring or fine blood vessels in their place," Levy said.

Port-wine stains require five to seven laser treatments at two-to-three-month intervals. Strawberry marks can be treated more frequently and fine broken vessels on the face as often as once a month.

"Because treatment often takes a year or more, parents like to begin treatment well before a child enters school," he said.

Levy and colleague Dr. Jim Nigro have treated

infants as early as one month after birth, but adolescents and adults also experience good results.

The laser, which uses a yellow light absorbed only by red, reacts with a blood cell protein in the birthmark's vessel mass. The blood vessels absorb the laser's energy and convert it into heat that damages the vessels.

"The body's defense system removes the damaged cells, and when the area heals, the treated vessels are gone," Levy said. "Treatment is repeated until all visible vessels are gone or lightened."

The laser feels like a pinprick or small rubber band snap to the skin. "Depending on the size of the area, that can be hard to tolerate and painful without some type of anesthesia," he said.

Levy cautions that treatments cause bruising for seven to ten days and swelling to treated areas that have loose skin such as the mouth and around the eyes. Intervals between treatments allow for healing.

Cost for treatment varies, Levy says, depending on the size of the birthmark and number of treatments needed.

"The degree of final lightening depends on the location. Some parts of the face clear better than others, and the extremities, especially the legs, are harder to clear," he said.

**Be sure to check out the  
Medical Directory  
on Page 5**

## Implanted defibrillators helpful

BOSTON (AP) — Research confirms that implanted defibrillators, which are widely used for survivors of cardiac arrest, can substantially cut the risk of death among people with life-threatening heart rhythm disturbances.

A study showing the benefits of defibrillators in these patients was published in the New England Journal of Medicine. The results were first reported by The Associated Press last April after they were announced by the National Institutes of Health.

The NIH recommended then that patients with the two kinds of heart problems studied — serious ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia — should talk to their doctors about getting the defibrillators.

Implanted defibrillators are cassette tape-size devices that shock the heart back into normal rhythm during cardiac arrest.

In the study, conducted by Dr. Douglas P. Zipes from Indiana University and others, 507 patients were randomly assigned

to get defibrillators, while a comparison group of 509 received standard heart rhythm medicines, mostly amiodarone.

After three years, 75 percent of those getting defibrillators were still alive, compared with 64 percent taking the medicines.

Visit us on  
the World  
Wide Web:  
<http://news.pampa.com>



**GOLDEN  
PHOENIX  
CENTER**

**COLUMBIA MEDICAL CENTER**

**P A M P A • T E X A S**

A MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

**COLUMB A**

**Medical Center of Pampa**

**COLUMB A Homecare**

Amarillo (806) 358-8051  
Borger (806) 273-5644  
Clarendon (806) 874-5251  
Childress (817) 937-6328

Dalhart (806) 249-5611  
Dumas (806) 935-6861  
Lubbock (806) 799-2927  
Pampa (806) 665-7085